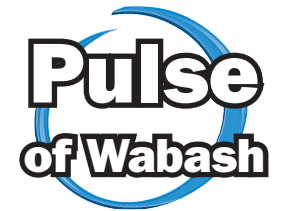


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The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Second Harvest tailgate planned for Friday

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana will provide food for families in need at a tailgate distribution from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 at the Dallas L. Winchester Senior Center, Living Well in Wabash County, 239 Bond St. Participants must enter the drive-through line from the Hill Street entrance of the city park. The distribution is while supplies last, and there is a limit of three families per vehicle.

Charley Creek Gardens to host 10th Annual Yule Time Stroll

Charley Creek Gardens will host its 10th Annual Yule Time Stroll, open to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 to Monday, Dec. 23 at 551 N. Miami St. This event is free and open to the public. Parking is available at 518 N. Wabash St.

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County behind region in women in manufacturing figures

However, construction numbers follow area trends

BY ROB BURGESS
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An increasing number of women in northeast Indiana are entering the manufacturing and construction workforces, according to data released Wednesday by Northeast Indiana Works.

Moreover, the percentage share of women in those workforces, typically considered non-traditional industries for women, is also rising.

Local figures

In response to a Plain Dealer

request Thursday, Rick Farrant, director of communications for Northeast Indiana Works, stated Wabash County is behind the regional trend in manufacturing and in step with it in construction.

"But, I should caution that not many women are employed in construction in Wabash County," stated Farrant.

The number of women in manufacturing in Wabash County declined from 804 in 2011 to 716 in 2018, a decrease of 10.9 percent.

Women's share of Wabash

County's manufacturing workforce decreased from 27.7 percent to 26.7 percent during the same period.

The number of women in construction in Wabash County increased from 47 in 2011 to 75 in 2018, or an increase of 59.6 percent.

Women's share of Wabash County's construction workforce rose from 10.4 percent to 12.0 percent during the same period.

Regional figures

The number of women in manufacturing in northeast Indiana grew from 20,690 in 2011 to 25,055 in 2018, an increase of 21.1 percent.

Women's share of the total

region manufacturing workforce increased from 28.7 percent to 29.7 percent in that time frame.

The number of women in construction in northeast Indiana grew from 1,714 in 2011 to 2,205 in 2018, or an increase of 28.6 percent.

Women's share of the total region construction workforce increased from 12.6 percent to 13.6 percent in that time frame.

The source for women in manufacturing and construction data was Quarterly Workforce Indicators from the U.S. Census Bureau, 3rd Quarter Comparisons. The year 2011 was chosen as the starting point because that's when the recession's impact on

employment began easing.

Edmond O'Neal, president of Northeast Indiana Works, stated there could be several reasons for the increases, including that occupations in manufacturing and construction generally pay more than occupations in many other industries, including retail and food/accommodations; employers increasingly are reaching out to diversify their workforces; and technology advances make some jobs in manufacturing and construction less labor-intensive.

"We have a long way to go, but the notion that skilled trades jobs are just for men seems to be changing," stated O'Neal.



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DONATION: Through the "generous efforts of employees and the membership," Beacon Credit Union's annual fundraising drive for Riley Children's Hospital Foundation brought around \$41,000.

Beacon Credit Union raises around \$41K for Riley

Several local events contributed to annual drive

STAFF REPORT

Through the "generous efforts of employees and the membership," Beacon Credit Union's annual fundraising drive for Riley Children's Hospital Foundation brought around \$41,000, according to a press release.

Events such as canvas

paintings, local restaurant proceed nights, decorating contests, dancing with the stars and bake sales "along with other creative efforts were organized throughout the year to help raise funds for pediatric research and enhanced treatments which Riley provides to the chil-

dren of Indiana," according to the release.

"The hospital's foundation offers hope to thousands of families seeking help for seriously ill and injured children; help that only Riley Hospital for Children can provide," stated the release.

The hospital opened in

1924 as the state's first hospital exclusively for children and is home to the state's largest pediatric research program.

"Beacon Credit Union is a proud supporter of Riley Children's Hospital and the hope and care they bring to families" stated the release.

Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

The third annual Wabash County Night planned

STAFF REPORT

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne, according to a press release.

As one of the Komets' dedicated "community nights," hockey fans are encouraged to show up and celebrate not

only the Komets as they take on the Toledo Walleye, "but Wabash County and all of the great things happening in this community," according to the release.

"Komets Night is always a great time for Wabash County to come out and enjoy some hockey while also supporting their community," stated Keith Gillenwater, president and CEO of Grow Wabash County. "It has been a popular event the last two

years and I hope everyone will come out and join us for our third annual event."

Some of the highlights of the evening will include a ceremonial puck drop by Mayor Scott Long and other community members, a hero salute for someone in Wabash County who has made an impact, contests during time-outs and between periods and more opportunities for the family before and during game time.

In addition to being in the spotlight during the game, Wabash County businesses and community members can get into the game for a reduced price. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.

Wabash County businesses who want to rent out booth space for game day can do so by contacting Meinholz.

Shop with a Cop planned for Saturday

Annual fundraiser still seeking donations

BY ROB BURGESS

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Local law enforcement officers will be meeting children in need at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 in the Lawn and Garden section of the Wal-Mart, 1601 N. Cass St., for the annual Shop with a Cop event.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Wednesday, Wabash Police Department (WPD) Sgt. Chad Galligan, vice president of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge No. 83, stated the program has been an annual fundraiser for over 20 years helping Wabash County families during the Christmas season.

Galligan stated the program takes over 200 children Christmas shopping each year.

"Officers from all Wabash County law enforcement departments gather at the Wabash Wal-Mart and shop with each child making sure they have hats, coats and gloves for the winter season. With the generosity of the citizens, this enables the FOP to make the Christmas season a little happier for these Wabash County Children," stated Galligan.

Galligan stated the FOP worked with Christmas Spirit of Wabash County representatives including Ronda Moore to obtain the names of the children involved.

"Wabash County Christmas Spirit and Shop with a Cop has combined partnership. This was the only way to make sure that (families weren't) shopped for twice," stated Galligan.

Some donations already received

Several local businesses and organizations have already donated to the program this year.

In a statement to the Plain Dealer, WPD Capt. Matt Benson stated the American

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House leaders racing the clock on government spending bill

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate’s top Republican issued a downbeat assessment of talks on a government spending bill Wednesday, warning that it will require a “laser focus from both parties and both chambers” to meet next week’s deadline and avert a federal shutdown.

Across the Capitol, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi met with Hispanic lawmakers about the upcoming appropriations measure, which is likely to largely maintain President Donald Trump’s tactical ability to fund his much-sought border wall.

It’s part of an effort to solidify support for the emerging catchall funding bill, which promises to deliver plenty of small-bore victories for lawmakers in both parties and is seen as preferable to the alternative of simply keeping the government on autopilot. Trump cares mostly about border fence funding.

“To be frank, only a laser focus from both parties and both chambers on getting results will create a path to pass appropriations bills this year,” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said. “There simply is not time left for my Democratic friends to continue haggling over ... poison pills, partisan policy riders and presidential transfer authorities.”

As is often the case, California rivals Pelosi and Kevin McCarthy are feuding, this time about a long-shot McCarthy bid for additional funding for a controversial dam project that would provide more water for Central Valley farmers.

Nobody wants a government shutdown when a stop-gap spending bill expires at the end of next week, but time is running out and it’s not at all certain that negotiations can close in time for the Senate to process a year-end spending package. Another temporary funding bill, called a continuing resolu-

tion, or CR, could be needed to avert a repeat of last year’s 35-day partial federal shutdown.

At issue is the almost one-third of the federal budget passed by Congress each year for day-to-day operations of federal agencies. This year’s annual appropriations cycle was supposed to be relatively easy after this summer’s budget and debt deal reversed a sharp set of spending cuts that would have otherwise struck both the Pentagon and domestic agencies.

But a Senate GOP move to more than triple a key border wall account to meet Trump’s demands sparked a two-month stalemate. Negotiations are back on track, with most of Trump’s \$5 billion wall demand being returned to other domestic accounts.

It’s complicated, but Trump has a significant tactical advantage that allows him to obtain several billion dollars for his border project. That’s because he will refuse to sign any bill that denies his wall request outright or curtails his powers to transfer money from Pentagon accounts to border construction. Another option is to keep the Homeland Security Department budget largely frozen under a continuing resolution while maintaining those same transfer authori-

ties that Trump has used to shift almost \$7 billion to wall accounts even as Congress directly appropriates far less – \$1.4 billion for the 2019 budget year.

Nobody wants the third option: a government shutdown battle.






The no-win spot that anti-wall forces find themselves in promises to generate unrest among some progressives, though they may be reluctant to give leaders much blowback during the height of impeachment.

For their part, conservatives usually just oppose the annual spending bills, which are then reluctantly signed by Trump after last-minute drama.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chairman Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, said the group “is concerned, as always, about increased funding for the wall or for more (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) detention beds.”





House Democrats sought to block Trump’s power to transfer Pentagon funding to Trump’s project, but his veto threats are likely to succeed in getting Democrats to drop the language in the closed-door talks. Negotiators on a separate \$738 billion Pentagon policy bill dumped companion language in their House-Senate talks.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Friday Mostly Cloudy 41 / 30	 Saturday Rain & Snow Possible 38 / 20	 Sunday Mostly Cloudy 25 / 17	 Monday Scattered Snow 29 / 20	 Tuesday Partly Cloudy 25 / 13
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:20 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:04 a.m.

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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 41°, humidity of 74%. South wind 5 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of snow, overnight low of 30°. South wind 1 to 5 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 29°.

FTD most common form of dementia for those under 60

DEAR DOCTOR: Can you talk about FTD dementia, especially the type that affects behavior? I am sure that a close acquaintance has it, although she is clear-minded. Her symptoms involve increasingly strange behavior and, lately, social withdrawal.

ELIZABETH KO & EVE GLAZIER
Ask the Doctors

DEAR READER: You're referring to a group of brain disorders known as frontotemporal dementia, or FTD. Originally identified about a century ago, the condition is caused by damage to the nerves, also known as neurons, in the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain. For reasons that are not yet understood, people with FTD experience a buildup of certain proteins within these two areas of the brain. This leads to the progressive loss of structure, and even death, of the neurons, which causes these lobes of the brain to shrink.



Unlike Alzheimer’s disease, which typically begins with cognitive problems and memory loss, the onset of FTD is marked by changes to the individual’s personality, social behavior or language abilities. This is due to the specific functions performed by the areas of the brain affected by FTD. The frontal lobe, one of the four lobes of the human brain, is involved in mood, personality, emotional expression, self-awareness, language and judgment. The temporal lobe, which processes sound, also plays a key role in understanding and using language, and in the management of sensory input, including pain, visual stimuli and emotion.

Depending on the specific site of the nerve damage, symptoms of FTD can show up as either problems with language or changes to behavior and personality. The type of FTD that you’re asking about, known as behavioral variant FTD, affects about half of all people with the condition. In this type of FTD, an individual’s personality begins to gradually change. They lose inhibitions, which leads to inappropriate social behavior. They can become impulsive and tactless; lose the ability to feel sympathy or empathy;

can’t think logically or solve problems; and are unable to plan ahead. They also lose self-awareness, so they’re unable to recognize the changes that are taking place.

The second major type of FTD features disturbances to the ability to speak, read and understand language. It can also include behavioral changes. Some people diagnosed with FTD also experience changes to reflexes, muscular weakness and a slowing of their movements.

FTD is the most common type of dementia in people under the age of 60. About two-thirds of cases of FTD occur between ages 45 and 65. Diagnosis includes a detailed medical history; tests to assess behavior, memory, language and neurological function; and brain scans to look for atrophy. The cause of this type of dementia is un-

known, but researchers have connected it to certain genetic mutations. It’s not inherited, but FTD does run in families. Up to 40 percent of diagnosed patients have a family history of the condition.

Unfortunately, there is no cure at this time. Although your friend’s behavior does match certain symptoms of FTD, other potential causes can include physical illness, substance abuse and mental illness. If you’re interested in additional information and support relating to FTD, visit theaftd.org.

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10-12-21-27-40
Jackpot: \$200,000
Cash4Life
03-08-11-30-48, Cash Ball: 1
Lotto Plus
09-11-22-27-33-44
Daily Three-Midday
7-0-8, SB: 3
Daily Three-Evening
8-8-5, SB: 4
Daily Four-Midday
1-2-3-8, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
0-6-8-1, SB: 4
Hoosier Lotto
08-13-19-29-32-33
Jackpot: \$4.5 million
Mega Millions
Jackpot: \$340 million
Powerball
24-29-42-44-63, Powerball:
10, Power Play: 4
Jackpot: \$140 million

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S. Jeannice Hapner

S. Jeannice Hapner, 82, North Manchester passed away on Dec. 9, 2019. Jeannice will be lovingly remembered and cherished by son, Kendall (Erin) Hapner; daughter, Laura (Brad) Hoolley; one brother, Roger (Sandy) Grossnickle; six grandchildren, Jackson and Jordan Hoolley, Andrew (Brooke) Hapner, Caiden, Shylah, and Braxton Miller. Calling Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Charles E. Powers

Funeral services for Charles E. Powers, 80 of Wabash, will be 3 p.m. Monday, at Christian Heritage Church, Wabash. Visitation is 1 - 3 p.m. Monday, at the church. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Pending Services

Brenda L. Kendall: 80, of Warren, Indiana, formerly of Wabash, passed away at Heritage Pointe, Warren, on

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019. Arrangements are pending at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Warren.

Ryan Reynolds says he related to Peloton actress' plight

BY JOHN CARUCCI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ryan Reynolds says he relates to the social media criticism heaped on the Peloton ad actress. In fact, that feeling led him to hire her for a commercial promoting his gin company.

Reynolds spoke Tuesday about the uproar while promoting his new action flick, the Michael Bay-directed “6 Underground.”

In the Peloton commercial, Monica Ruiz portrays a wife who receives an exercise bike as a Christmas present, and chronicles her yearlong journey to get in shape. The commercial ends with the wife thanking her husband for the gift. After the spot aired, the character was mocked for several reasons: Some noted she was already thin, others mocked her for having a “nervous” expression, and others were angry her husband gave her an exercise gift, as if she needed to lose weight.

Reynolds thought the viral negativity was unfair, and said it’s “a situation that I’ve been in many times before” as an actor.

“You put it out there, and it doesn’t quite work, and you feel a little alienated and stuff. So, I had tremendous empathy for her in that moment,” Reynolds said at the premiere of his new action flick, “6 Underground.”

“Doing the Aviation Gin ad sort of gave her some authorship over some of this conversation, which I loved,” he said. “And she’s, she’s the best. She’s really funny, really smart.”

In “6 Underground,” “which premieres Friday on Netflix, Reynolds stars as the leader of a group of six warriors, each with their own special set of skills. After faking their own deaths, they take on a number for their names, ranging from One to Six, and go underground to take down a dictator. Reynolds plays One.

The movie also stars French actress Melanie Laurent, Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, Ben Hardy, Adria Arjona, Dave Franco and Israeli actor Lior Raz.

It was directed by Michael Bay, who is known for the big-screen action movies like “Armageddon,” “The Rock,” and “The Transformers” series. But he says it worked for him to pair with Netflix.

“Here’s the thing I love big cinema. But Netflix is a new voice. It is a big, it’s a big name out here right now. And it’s doing a lot of interesting content. And it gives it — it’s all over the world, you know, access to almost 250 million people,” Bay said.

He also says the studios wouldn’t back the \$150 million dollar action thriller because of its R-rating.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

EAGLES: From left: Jim Kirkpatrick, Randy Hall, Jon Miller, Chad Galligan, John Krhin, Floyd McWhirt and Robbie Watson deliver the \$5,000 check to the Shop with a Cop program.



SAL DONATION: WPD First Class Patrolman Kyle Lafferty accepts a donation from the Sons of the American Legion’s Russ Abell for Shop with a Cop.



LEGION: WPD First Class Patrolman Kyle Lafferty accepts a donation from the American Legion Commander Steve Conner for Shop with a Cop.



MASONS: From left: James Crandall, trustee; WPD Officer Aaron Snover; and Frank Nordman deliver the donation.



SHOP: Kathleen Alspaugh with Vandermark Duffey Enterprises presents a check for \$500 to Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker for \$500 for Shop with a Cop.

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Legion Post No. 15 donated \$1,000 and the Sons of the American Legion donated \$200.

Vandermark Duffey Enterprises presented a check for \$500 to Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker for \$500 for the program.

Galligan stated the Free and Accepted Masonic Lodge, Hanna Lodge No. 61 presented their check Tuesday, Dec. 3.

“Thank you so much for helping Wabash County children have a Christmas,” stated Galligan.

Galligan stated a \$5,000 donation was received from the Wabash Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge No. 549.

“Wabash Fraternal Order

of Eagles Lodge No. 549 is proud to help take Wabash county children shopping. The Eagles lodge continues to help Shop with a Cop and this year was a huge success,” stated Galligan.

Donations still needed

Galligan stated the FOP is requesting a donation in order to support our program. Any donation can be dropped off or mailed to the WPD at 1340 Manchester Ave., Wabash, IN 46992.

“Any donation would be greatly appreciated,” stated Galligan.

The FOP lodge can be reached at by phone at 260-563-2157. Any questions about the program can be directed to Galligan by email at Shopwithacop_fop83@cinergymetro.net or by phone at 260-563-1505 ext. 329.

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Downtown businesses to extend hours on select dates

Participating shops will be open until 7 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

Fairy House Workshop set for Dec. 14

The program will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Salamonie Interpretive Center at Salamonie Lake, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The cost is \$5 per person payable day of the event. Materials will be provided, with extra materials available for purchase. Advanced registration is required by calling 260-468-2127. Limited space is available. The suggested age for the program is 10 and above, and those under 18 should be accompanied by an adult.

LaFontaine Lions to host Santa Breakfast

The LaFontaine Lions will

host a Santa Breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at the LaFontaine Community Building. The menu will include scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, sausage gravy, biscuit, juice, milk and coffee. Santa arrives at 9 a.m. There will be a free-will donation. Proceeds will go towards the LaFontaine United Methodist Church food pantry. Please bring in non-perishable foods. Donations of old glasses and keys will also be accepted.

Christmas concert planned for Dec. 15

A Christmas concert featuring the Wabash sixth grade chorus has been planned from 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 at the Living Well Winchester Center; 239 Bond St. To enjoy the sounds of the season, register by calling 260-563-4475.

‘White Christmas’ to be shown at the Honeywell Center

“White Christmas” will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 in the Honeywell

Center’s Ford Theater. The admission fee will be \$2 per person.

‘Ask a Teenager’ tech basics event planned

Bring your electronic devices and your questions, assistance provided by Heartland Career Center Tech students at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Sign-up is requested by calling 260-563-4475.

Red Cross blood donation opportunity set for Dec. 17

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

WCPL plans Holiday Open House

The Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) has planned their Holiday Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18. The all-ages event will feature snacks, crafts, games, photo opportunities, carolers and more. Register on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/

events/281696909393826/.

Census job opportunities to be discussed

The U.S. Census Bureau has planned a presentation at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the Living Well Downtown, 35 E. Market St. to present upcoming census job opportunities. Register for this event by calling 260-563-4475.

Celebrate ‘The Wonders of Winter’ on Dec. 18

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “The Wonders of Winter” from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information on other UWIS programs, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

DivorceCare presents ‘Surviving the Holidays’ series

The DivorceCare support group, which meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South State Road 13, will be offering a DVD series “Surviving the Holidays” through Tuesday, Dec. 17. Group leader and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email office@wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Breakfast with Santa planned

On Saturday, Dec. 21, Santa will be coming to Breakfast with Santa and will have a special treat for children at the Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St.

Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun

and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

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inspiration corner

Daily scripture

And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

— Luke 5:12-13

Farmers pay price for trade wars

Our national leaders are failing the people who feed us.

Farmers and ranchers have enough of their own challenges – fickle weather, food labeling concerns and how to cater to consumers’ evolving tastes, just to name a few. What they don’t need are additional woes from Washington, D.C. But that’s what they’re getting, in bulk supplies.

In what should be a banner year for Kansas farmers, with plentiful rain and high production, they tell The Star that prices and profitability have been sharply and artificially depressed due to trade wars and legislative lethargy.

The Trump administration’s well-intended but ill-considered trade tariffs are cutting into the viability of farming – and may ultimately carve into what has been President Donald Trump’s most loyal base.

“So far, I see no progress,” says Republican Kansas state Rep. Don Hineman, a farmer himself. There have been promises of progress in trade negotiations, but Hineman says farmers

are feeling like Charlie Brown trying to kick a football that keeps getting pulled away.

Kansas Livestock Association vice president of communications Scarlett Hagins said a big topic at the association’s convention in Wichita this week was better labeling on meat alternatives, which members want legislators to address in the session starting next month. But tariffs are a big concern too, she says, as is Congress’ failure to approve the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, NAFTA’s proposed replacement. “That’s something our members really want to see get done,” she said of the USMCA.

International trade, Hagins says, adds more than \$300 per head in value to cattle.

The administration’s massive farm subsidies under what’s known as the Market Facilitation Program – at \$28 billion and counting, already far eclipsing the \$12 billion auto industry bailout of 2008 and 2009 – have failed to prevent the heartland’s erosion of

confidence in the president’s tactics. For one thing, as Bloomberg News reports, 50 percent of the subsidies have gone to 10 percent of recipients.

And ever-practical farmers wonder how long this can go on – as dependence on the federal payments colors how farmers plan to plant next year. If at all.

“I think it’s absolutely affecting farmers and ranchers, and especially in an election year,” says Louisburg-area cow-calf rancher Aimee Williams. “It’s a critical time. Some of these decisions can impact generations-long family farms that are struggling to make ends meet.”

“Many of us fear it could be a long-term proposition,” Hineman adds.

International trade, Hineman says, depends largely on trust and predictability. And once a customer such as China finds new suppliers, it is slow to return to previous markets – if it ever does.

Though a Republican, Hineman

would nonetheless tell the president to “get over this nonsense of trade wars” and work on freeing up markets. Yet the president just announced new tariffs on steel and aluminum from Brazil and Argentina for “a massive devaluation of their currencies” that is hurting American farmers. France may be next for tariffs.

Williams’ operation is insulated from much of the trade war collateral damage but is still struggling with market pressures as front-end costs outpace prices at the sale barn. Other farmers and ranchers with similar cost pressures are getting further hurt by the trade disputes.

Asked what she’d tell the president, Williams thinks a long moment.

“Come get in the trenches,” she responds. “Come see how this works. Look at my books.

“There needs to be some relief.”

This editorial was first published in The Kansas City Star.

I was just a beer away from the NBA

By Mark Franke

When I was nine years old, my career goal was to play center field for the New York Yankees after Mickey Mantle retired. Then I got bifocals and couldn’t figure out which ball coming toward me to swing at.

No problem. Moving up to fifth grade the next year made me eligible to be on my school’s basketball team. This was big because there were still memories in Fort Wayne of the Pistons before they moved to Detroit, Indiana University and Notre Dame played their annual game in Fort Wayne, and there was Hoosier Hysteria with real sectional basketball tournaments.

As I progressed to eighth grade with hopes of being in the starting lineup, I noticed that most of the other boys had grown to almost six feet tall while I was stuck at just barely clearing five feet n– shorter than everyone, including the girls.

Now I learn that I abandoned my budding basketball career much too soon. The Wall Street Journal recently had a feature article about Andre Drummond, center for the erstwhile Fort Wayne Pistons, who significantly improved his game by adding one thing to his diet. Are you ready for this? Beer!

Mr. Drummond experimented with all the fad diets that athletes, and we mortals, fall for. This is especially true for very tall centers like Drummond who are now being pushed by their teams to lose weight in order to improve their jumping ability. He tried skipping breakfast but found that a bad idea for an athlete who worked out every morning. Something had to change.

His solution was to drink a beer every day at lunch. What could be better than that?

The article didn’t say who suggested Drummond add beer to his diet but it seems to have worked. He returned to fall camp slimmer and faster and has been posting scoring and rebounding numbers not seen since the 1970s.

I can see only one flaw in his dietary plan; he limits his consumption to just one. This seems to me to be an excessively doctrinaire approach to this. If a single beer produced such an improvement, wouldn’t a few more each day make him the best center ever?

Now, I am German Lutheran so beer is figuratively and literally in my blood. What I didn’t know is that I have been in an NBA training regimen for quite some time. But apparently neither did the Pistons as they never invited me to camp during these years. Their loss.

Still, a few barriers stand in the way of my getting an NBA contract.

First, I’m 68 years old. I think the NBA has a rule against active players being on Medicare rather than the league health insurance. Second, while I am no longer only 5’0” in height, my current 6’1” is not quite the ideal size for an NBA center.

Most important, adding a beer to my lunch cuisine hasn’t increased my vertical to any appreciable extent. Perhaps I’m drinking the wrong brand? I am German so I won’t give up on this. After all, I have science on my side, don’t I?

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Marco Rubio joins the anti-capitalist conservatives

The flow of Rubio’s rhetoric is unimpeded by data – his 3,725-word speech contains almost none – perhaps because data do not demonstrate the neglect he asserts.

Trying to give intellectual coherence to the visceral impulses that produced today’s president, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., is joining anti-capitalist conservatives. Those who reject this characterization are unaware of how their skepticism about markets propels them to an imprudent leap of faith.

In a recent Washington speech, Rubio said America has “neglected the rights of workers to share in the benefits they create for their employer.” Careless language – workers are not sharing America’s bounty? – serves Rubio’s economic determinism, which postulates a recent economic cause for complex and decades-long social changes. Economic “negligence” has, he asserts, “weakened families and eroded communities,” diminished churchgoing and PTA participation, and increased substance abuse. If only the explanation of, say, family disintegration – a social disaster since the 1960s, before economic globalization – were monocausal.

Rubio deplores “financial flows detached from real production,” flows bypassing the “real economy.” But if not to “real” – an uninformative adjective – production, where are financial resources flowing, and why? And what expertise does a career politician bring to disparaging decisions of professionals trained to connect capital with productive opportunities?

Rubio’s concern is not economic but philosophic: The efficient allocation of scarce resources – i.e., all resources – should be subordinated to humanitarian concerns, including “the obligation of businesses to reinvest in America.” The flow of Rubio’s rhetoric is unimpeded by data – his 3,725-word speech contains almost none – perhaps because data do not demonstrate the neglect he asserts. If he thinks the \$147 billion invested in research and development in 2018 by the 190 large corporations represented on the Business Roundtable (half as much as was distributed in divi-

dends to the corporations’ owners, the shareholders) is insufficient, by what metric does he determine this? His regret that since 1980 the financial sector’s share of corporate profits has increased from about 10 percent to 30 percent reflects a desire, both reactionary and romantic, to restore and preserve, like a fly in amber, the imperfectly remembered economy of mid-20th-century America.

Twelve times Rubio celebrates, or laments the loss of, “dignified work,” yet he never suggests the adjective’s meaning. What work does he deem undignified? Does “dignified” denote a certain ratio of mind to muscle? If so, Rubio should compare the work of the relatively few who operate today’s modern steel mills with the unpleasant, dangerous labor of the many who once toiled in dark, satanic mills containing open hearth furnaces. Fortunately, their jobs have been eliminated by technology-driven productivity.

Rubio substitutes for data a torrent of overheated rhetoric about America’s “economic implosion,” its “disordered economy” (whatever that might mean) that has created only “pockets of prosperity” because the economy is “rigged” (a verb and adjective also favored by Elizabeth Warren and Donald Trump). Rubio’s limp solution to the American carnage he depicts is “common-good capitalism”: discouraging corporations’ buy-backs of their shares, immediate expensing of investments, reforming the Small Business Administration, which he says is financing “lifeless corporate conglomerates.” Lifeless?

He says, perfunctorily and discordantly, “The idea that government can impose a balance between the obligations and rights of the private sector and working Americans has never worked.” Yet he endorses

“public policies,” aka government, to “drive investments in key industries” – government picking winners, hence losers, too – because “pure” market principles are not “aligned” with the national interest.

So, this time what he says has never worked is going to work. Talk about faith-based policy. Public choice theory could teach him realism about the sociology of government: The theory dispels the romantic notion that governments are run by people more omniscient and nobly motivated – less interested in personal aggrandizement – than private-sector actors.

Rubio serves in a legislature whose constant resort to funding the government with continuing resolutions testifies to its incompetence concerning even its most elemental function: budgeting. Yet he expects this government to wisely define the “common good” and deftly allocate wealth and opportunities accordingly.

Abandoning actual conservatism’s realism about the difficult trade-offs involved in policymaking, today’s right-wing anti-capitalists seem to seek a stagnant social equilibrium: No portion of society should become better off if in the process another portion would become worse off. About this, at least, the Commander in Margaret Atwood’s “The Handmaid’s Tale” was wiser: “Better never means better for everyone ... It always means worse, for some.”

Finally, when the sociologist Emile Durkheim (1858-1917) diagnosed “collective sadness” resulting from social isolation in the society – a “dust of individuals” – of his day, he partly blamed government’s domination of society, to the detriment of the local, intermediary institutions Rubio wants to strengthen but actually would threaten.

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‘Veggietales’ creator: Telling Bible story at kid level

The ancient Christian leaders who wrote the Nicene Creed never produced a scroll explaining the mysteries of the Holy Trinity to children.

Terry Mattingly



This is not the language found in cartoons: “I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things, visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of light, true God of true God, begotten not created, of one essence with the Father, through whom all things were made. ... And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified.”

There is more, of course. Phil Vischer, of “VeggieTales” fame, knew that he couldn’t tell the whole Bible story without discussing the Trinity somehow. Thus, he put this puzzle at the start of “The Laugh and Learn Bible for Kids,” his new 52-chapter Bible storybook targeting ages 6-10.

In whimsical Vischer-speak, that sounds like: “In the beginning, there was God. Just God. Nothing else. No trees, no hummingbirds, no whales, no bats, no kids, no grown-ups, no grandmas or grandpas, no caterpillars, no lakes, no oceans, no horses, no elephants and no frogs. Not even tiny ones. Just God.”

Wait for it: “There is one God, but there are three persons in God. God the Father. God the Son. God the Holy Spirit. ... I told you it was tricky.”

Vischer chuckled, trying to explain this challenge – sounding a bit like the Bob the Tomato character loved by millions of video-watchers.

“You can’t do it justice. There’s just too much,” he said. “You can’t say what needs to be said, but you can tell kids something like: ‘This is a mystery that we can’t completely understand, but that’s OK. This is part of a big story.’”

Vischer knew that he wanted to produce a book that would be rather strange, in terms of bookstore sales options. The 343-page volume isn’t a set of individual, isolated Bible stories similar to those seen in the

early years of Sunday school, books that often feature what he called “cute stories with animals – like a whale, a talking donkey or Jesus surrounded by sheep.” This also isn’t a children’s translation of a real Bible.

Instead, the goal was a book with one story arc for use by parents or grandparents sitting with one or more children and reading for about five minutes – day after day or night after night. In other words, the 53-year-old Vischer wrote it for use with his own grandchildren.

The team behind this book was also well aware that Bible literacy levels have crashed. The American future may soon resemble the results of a United Kingdom Bible Society survey from a few years ago, in which 1 in 3 children didn’t know the Nativity story was in the Bible. Also, 27 percent of U.K. adults were confused about whether Superman was in the Bible, and more than a third wondered about Harry Potter.

Addressing biblical literacy was the goal, said Vischer of his earlier 13-video “What’s in the Bible?” project. That was also when Vischer moved, for the first time, into some tricky New Testament territory. That was challenging to an artist who, in the 1990s, had a sign proclaiming, “We will not portray Jesus as a vegetable” near his “VeggieTales” desk.

“What’s in the Bible?” began in 2012, which was the “first time I said, ‘Oh! I need a Jesus. What does he look like?’ We were very intentional that he would appear Middle Eastern, as opposed to Aryan, as opposed to looking American,” said Vischer.

Venturing from Genesis to Revelation also meant this book would need to include the crucifixion and church life after Easter. Near the end – in pages Calvinist and Catholic parents will critique – Vischer tries to explain the building blocks of salvation.

“I think that we tell kids Bible stories, but we don’t do a good job of telling them the whole biblical story,” he said. “Kids want to be part of a big story. If we don’t tell them the biblical story, then they’ll just turn to ‘Star Wars,’ ‘Harry Potter’ or the ‘Avengers,’ and that will be that.”

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First United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Dec. 15, the third Sunday of Advent, at First United Methodist Church, 110 Cass St., worship services will be at 8 and 10 a.m., with a coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service in the MAC. At the 8 a.m. service, the prelude and postlude will be played by Kathy Geible; the opening prayer and scripture reading will be by Pastor Nathan Whybrew; and the Advent participants will be the Travis and Christa Schuler family. At both the 8 and 10 a.m. services, the sermon series will be, “Are We There Yet?” The scripture will be Matthew 11:2-11. The sermon by Pastor Nathan Whybrew will be, “Seeking the Joy in the Journey.” The

children’s message will be by Pastor Nathan Whybrew. At the 10 a.m. service, the prelude will be by Bettie Miller, the opening prayer and scripture reading will be by Larry Curless, the Advent participants will be Brett and Heather Vanlandingham and family and the postlude will be by Susan Vanlandingham. Check us out on our website at www.wabashfirstumc.org and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wabashfirstumc/>.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

Please join us at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., as we worship together during this Advent Season. This week, Pastor Doug Veal will be discuss-

ing “The Need for Joy” based on Isaiah 35:1-10. Children’s church and nursery are available during worship times. The church and sanctuary are handicapped accessible. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Our Bible Study over the book of Philippians meets at 10 a.m. Tuesdays.

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 worship services at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger’s sermon is titled, “Good News: Beauty in Brokenness.” Sunday servants are Pastor Robb Rensberger, chairperson; Chris Sands, worship and special music; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose Sands, organ.

Walk By Faith Community Church

At the Sunday, Dec. 15 service at the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school will be at 9 a.m., and the worship and children’s worship will be at 10 a.m. The pastor is Greg Wilburn. The youth pastor is Jody Tyner. Our greeters for this Sunday will be Greg and Cathy Montel, and David and Krysten Moon and Angel Moon. Jason Rouch will be sharing the message with us. Visit our website at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

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Slow down and do the work of welcome

For some reason, the very first thing I noticed on my early morning visit to the beautiful St. John Cantius Church

Kathryn Lopez



was a statue tucked away in a corner, between two confessionals. It depicts Jesus comforting the prodigal son, from the Gospel parable. It seemed to speak so much about so much. Obviously, it’s about forgiveness and mercy. Clearly, it’s about the nature of God in the New Testament. As the Windy (boy, was it!) City was already decked out in holiday lights, I couldn’t help but see a message for more than “the holidays” about welcome and hospitality.

I confess I found some very personal welcome in Jesus’ tenderness toward the sinner, as I am one, myself. And in my travels lately, I have been more and more focused on trying to be softer in our harsh culture.

I must admit that my recent focus was motivated by a recent unexpected incident at a chapel. The location of this chapel is not important. Suffice it to say that I was tired after a busy period of traveling, and exhilarated by the sight of so many people in one place worshipping the Lord. I was also, it turns out, praying a little too audibly. Not one, but two adults came up to me afterward to advise me that I was praying too quickly. At first, I was crestfallen that I had seemingly interrupted other people at prayer. I was appreciative that the priest was trying to get his flock to slow down in this too-rapid, disposable culture. Of course, we need to decelerate and be present with God in silence and love.

But, jeepers, I’m human, and it hurt. And the more I prayed and thought about it, I thought of the Holy Spirit. I thought of people I’ve been inspired by who weren’t going with the pack, who were moved by love to acts of radical charity. I’d like to think I was moved by love in my prayer, too – maybe a little desperate fatigue, too, on that particular night, after lots of logistical mishaps involving airports and a program on the schedule that required coherence on my part!

I then got to thinking about hospitality and welcome I felt in that chapel, something that is jarring to me – I tend to feel at home in front of any tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament in it. There’s peace there. There is a knowledge of God’s presence. There is, essentially, what that statue at St. John Cantius depicts: a weak human sinner resting in the arms of Jesus. No one should mess with that.

And the two people who approached me after Mass had no ill intent. They obviously had given a lot of their hearts to that particular community I was just dropping in on to pray with. And, even while nursing such silly wounds, I found myself grateful. Because it forced me to reflect: I know there are ways that we are – I am – unwelcoming to people without even realizing it. Sometimes it happens when lost in thought, looking at a screen or hitting refresh on our web browser. Sometimes it involves not meeting obvious needs or being indifferent to someone’s presence – by not being present to them. But it also happens in the course of communications about things we have convictions about. As happened with me that day,

it can happen in the most holy places. And how often do people see Christians as people of prohibitions rather than love? Christians are called to be people of “yes” to the boundless love that is seen with Jesus on the cross.

Every church should have open arms. In every pew and corner, people should be able to encounter God. Same, too, with anyone who calls themselves a child of God. Our work is to be beacons of His love, to be His presence in the world. It’s not easy, fast or convenient work, but we should be grateful for it.

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Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm.

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Daily Bible Reading

Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm
93	94	95	96	97	98	99

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Area Calendar

Girls basketball - Southwood vs. Northfield, 7:45 p.m.; Manchester at Whitko, 7:45 p.m.
Boys basketball - Wabash at Maconaquah, 7:45 p.m.

Knights upended by fourth-quarter rally

The Southwood girls' basketball team fell just short at home against Mississinewa on Wednesday, 44-39. The Indians outscored the Knights 13-6 in the fourth quarter to avoid being knocked off. MaKenna Pace had 18 points, four rebounds and four steals. Erin Lehner had eight points, six rebounds and four steals.

No. 16 DePaul women beat Notre Dame

SOUTH BEND (AP) — Sonya Morris scored 29 points and hit a career-best five of DePaul's 16 3-pointers and the No. 16 Blue Demons pulled away late in their 105-94 win over Notre Dame on Wednesday night.
DePaul (8-1) has won six games in a row overall and snapped their 11-game skid against the Irish.
Deja Church and Chante Stonewall had 20 points apiece, Lexi Held scored 17 and Kelly Campbell added 12 points, 14 rebounds and nine assists for the Blue Demons. It was a career-high for Church, who started every game as a sophomore for Michigan last season and was granted immediate eligibility at DePaul by the NCAA.
Sam Brunelle made back-to-back baskets to pull Notre Dame (5-7) within a point with six minutes left in the game but Held sandwiched two of her four 3s around to free throws by Campbell to make it 97-88 two minutes later. The Fighting Irish scored six of the next eight points to make it a five-point game with 2:27 left but then committed turnovers on three consecutive possessions.
Brunelle led Notre Dame with a career-high 31 points on 13-of-18 shooting.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



LAYUP: Northfield's Clayton Tomlinson shoots a layup during the second half of Wednesday's game against Fort Wayne Canterbury.

Norse fall in shootout with Cavaliers 76-57

BY JACOB RUDE
sports@wabashplaindealer.com
After a break that lasted over two weeks since opening the season, the Northfield boys' basketball team hosted Fort Wayne Canterbury on Wednesday for its second game of the season.
And up-and-down affair saw both sides playing fast and loose on the evening with nearly 100 shots between the two teams and 39 total turnovers. But a less rusty Cavalier side grabbed control in the first period and never looked back, running away with a 76-57 win.

The two sides traded leads in the first quarter, Northfield takes its largest of the day after a three-pointer from Dillon Tomlinson and a basket from Kaleb Krom to move ahead 5-2.
But the Cavaliers went toe-to-toe with the Norse and eventually took a 14-11 lead on a three-pointer from Chris Diwis that they would not relinquish. Canterbury took an 18-13 into the second period and quickly pushed it to double digits after another three from Diwis, making it 26-15.
While Jarret Shafer cut the margin back down to 26-19

with a freebie and a three-pointer but yet another Diwis three-pointer and a pair of free throws from Will Shank restored the double-digit lead.
The lead would not again dip below 10 points the rest of the evening as Canterbury took a 37-25 lead into the half. A 12-4 run to open the third period by the Cavaliers put any hopes of a comeback to rest as the lead quickly ballooned to 49-29.
The Norse won the final period 19-18 but never truly challenged the rest of the night. The lead reached as large as 23 points in the final

period at 64-41.
Clayton Tomlinson led the Norse on the night, scoring 14 points with seven assists, three rebounds and three steals. Paul Treska had 10 points and six rebounds and Alex Hauptert chipped in 11 points.
Diwis had a game-high 25 points on 9-of-11 shooting from the field and 4-of-4 shooting from beyond the arc. Holiday Stephenson had 13 points, eight rebounds and six assists.
Northfield falls to 1-1 with the loss. The Norse will travel to Peru on Saturday with tip-off set for 7:45 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU QB Burrow named AP top player

BY RALPH D. RUSSO AP
College Football Writer
What figures to be an award-winning week for LSU quarterback Joe Burrow is underway.
Burrow was named The Associated Press college football player of the year on Thursday in a landslide vote, making him the first LSU player to win the the 21-year-old award.
Burrow, who has led the top-ranked Tigers to an unbeaten season and their first College Football Playoff appearance, received 51 of 54 first-place votes from AP Top 25 poll voters and a total of 159 points.
Ohio State defensive end Chase Young was second with three first-place votes and 69 points while Buckeyes quarterback Justin Fields was third with 43 points. Burrow, Young, Fields and Oklahoma quarterback Jalen Hurts, who finished fourth with 33 points, are the finalists for the Heisman Trophy to be handed out Saturday in New York.
Burrow is the overwhelming Heisman favorite after passing for 4,715 yards and a Southeastern Conference record 48 touchdowns. The senior transfer from Ohio State is on pace to set a major college record, completing 77.9% of his passes.
Burrow is up for two more awards Thursday night at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta. He is a finalist for the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback of the Year Award, along with Fields and Hurts. He is also a finalist for the Maxwell Player of the Year, along with Young and Hurts.

The AP player of the year award began in 1998 and only five times has the winner not been the same as the Heisman winner; the last time that happened was in 2015, when Stanford running back Christian McCaffrey won the AP award and Alabama running back Derrick Henry was the Heisman winner.

MLB

Rendon follows Strasburg, Cole to free agent riches

BY RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer
SAN DIEGO — Anthony Rendon is joining the Los Angeles Angels, quickly following mega-deals for Gerrit Cole and Stephen Strasburg in a trifecta of nine-figure contracts for agent Scott Boras at a wild winter meetings.
With baseball still buzzing over Cole's \$324 million, nine-year agreement with the New York Yankees, Rendon found his own free-agent riches, reaching a \$245 million, seven-year deal Wednesday night to play third base in an Angels lineup that features three-time MVP Mike Trout.
Strasburg opened the annual gathering on Monday when the Washington Nationals announced a nearly identical \$245 million, seven-year contract to keep the World Series MVP.
That set a record for the largest deal given a pitcher, topping David Price's \$217 million, seven-year agree-

ment with the Boston Red Sox ahead of the 2016 season.
Strasburg's standard lasted just a day, shattered Tuesday night when Cole agreed to pitch in pinstripes after two outstanding seasons with Houston.
Then on the last full day of the meetings, Rendon matched Strasburg in dollars and years when he struck his deal to leave the Nationals for the Angels. The contracts for Cole and Rendon were detailed by people familiar with the agreements who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they had not been announced.
The high-priced signings came at a lightning pace, quite a contrast to last off-season, when star sluggers Bryce Harper and Manny Machado waited until spring training to find new homes.
Rendon's contract raised the three-day total to \$814 million for Boras, the agent for eight of the 19 \$200

million-or-more contracts in baseball history. Boras also negotiated the \$330 million deal that moved Harper from Washington to Philadelphia.
Add in the \$64 million, four-year deal between infielder Mike Moustakas and Cincinnati announced on Dec. 5, and Boras has negotiated \$878 million in contracts for free agents this month with agreements still to be worked out for pitchers Hyun-Jin Ryu and Dallas Keuchel, plus outfielder Nick Castellanos.
Rendon, who has played all seven of his major league seasons with Washington, drove in a career-best 126 runs while helping the Nationals capture the franchise's first World Series championship this year. His 19.9 Wins Above Replacement, per Fangraphs, over the past four seasons trails only Trout, Boston's Mookie Betts and Milwaukee's Christian Yelich among position players.
"With our flexibility, if we

miss a big player, there's still very talented players that are accessible in the free agent and trade market right now," Angels general manager Billy Eppler said earlier Wednesday.
While there have been no major trades at the winter meetings, there were several more free agent agreements reached, according to people familiar with the deals who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity:
■ reliever Blake Treinen and the Los Angeles Dodgers at \$10 million for one year.
■ right-hander Tanner Roark and Toronto at \$24 million for two years.
■ right-hander Michael Wacha and the New York Mets for one year.
Commissioner Rob Manfred said Major League Baseball is pushing ahead with a rules change for 2020 that requires pitchers to face at least three batters or finish a half-inning. Active rosters will increase by one to 26 from opening day through

Aug. 31 and will drop from 40 to 28 from Sept. 1 through the end of the regular season.
The injured list for pitchers will revert to 15 days from 10 days. In tandem, pitchers optioned to the minors will have to spend 15 days with farm teams before they can be recalled unless they replace a pitcher going on the IL.
Seven major league teams will expand protective netting to the foul poles and 15 others will expand their netting generally to the area in the outfield where the stands begin to angle away from the field.
A four-person committee of scientists concluded baseballs this year had less drag on average than in previous seasons, contributing to a power surge that resulted in 6,776 home runs, well above the previous mark of 6,105 set in 2017.
"We have never been asked to juice or de-juice a baseball," Rawlings President Michael Zlaket said.

SCOREBOARD

NFL						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
New England	10	3	0	.769	338	168
Buffalo	9	4	0	.692	274	212
N.Y. Jets	5	8	0	.385	226	301
Miami	3	10	0	.231	221	399
South						
Houston	8	5	0	.615	317	309
Tennessee	8	5	0	.615	318	255
Indianapolis	6	7	0	.462	296	295
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	230	337
North						
x-Baltimore	11	2	0	.846	430	236
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	259	242
Cleveland	6	7	0	.462	273	291
Cincinnati	1	12	0	.077	198	325
West						
y-Kansas City	9	4	0	.692	371	281
Oakland	6	7	0	.462	258	366
Denver	5	8	0	.385	236	261
L.A. Chargers	5	8	0	.385	289	251
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	334	267
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	297	301
Washington	3	10	0	.231	188	310
N.Y. Giants	2	11	0	.154	247	362
South						
y-New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	344	296
Tampa Bay	6	7	0	.462	378	381
Carolina	5	8	0	.385	300	360
Atlanta	4	9	0	.308	300	343
North						
Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	309	270
Minnesota	9	4	0	.692	339	249
Chicago	7	6	0	.538	243	232
Detroit	3	9	1	.269	287	335
West						
San Francisco	11	2	0	.846	397	229
Seattle	10	3	0	.769	341	321
L.A. Rams	8	5	0	.615	311	262
Arizona	3	9	1	.269	272	374
y-clinched playoff spot						
y-clinched division						
Thursday's Game						
N.Y. Jets at Baltimore						
Sunday's Games						
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.						
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.						
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.						
Miami at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.						
Seattle at Carolina, 1 p.m.						
Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.						
New England at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.						
Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.						
Cleveland at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.						
Jacksonville at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.						
Minnesota at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.						
Atlanta at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.						
L.A. Rams at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.						
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.						
Monday's Game						
Indianapolis at New Orleans, 8:15 p.m.						
NBA						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	W	L	Pct		GB	
Boston	17	6	.739	—	—	
Philadelphia	18	7	.720	—	—	
Toronto	16	8	.667	1½	—	
Brooklyn	13	11	.542	4½	—	
New York	5	20	.200	13	12	
Southeast Division						
	W	L	Pct		GB	
Miami	18	6	.750	—	—	
Orlando	11	13	.458	7	—	
Charlotte	11	16	.404	8½	—	
Washington	7	16	.304	10½	—	
Atlanta	6	19	.240	12½	—	
Central Division						
	W	L	Pct		GB	
Milwaukee	22	3	.880	—	—	
Indiana	16	9	.640	6	—	
Detroit	10	14	.417	11½	—	
Chicago	9	17	.346	13½	—	
Cleveland	5	19	.208	16½	—	
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Southwest Division						
	W	L	Pct		GB	
Dallas	16	7	.696	—	—	
Houston	16	8	.667	½	—	
San Antonio	9	14	.391	7	—	
Memphis	8	16	.333	8½	—	
New Orleans	6	19	.240	11	11	
Northwest Division						
	W	L	Pct		GB	
Denver	14	8	.636	—	—	
Utah	14	11	.560	1½	—	
Oklahoma City	11	13	.458	4	—	
Minnesota	10	14	.417	5	—	
Portland	10	15	.400	5½	—	
Pacific Division						
	W	L	Pct		GB	
L.A. Lakers	22	3	.880	—	—	
L.A. Clippers	19	7	.731	3½	—	
Phoenix	11	13	.458	10½	—	
Sacramento	11	13	.458	10½	—	
Golden State	5	21	.192	17½	—	
Wednesday's Games						
Houston 116, Cleveland 110						
Indiana 122, Boston 117						
L.A. Clippers 112, Toronto 92						
L.A. Lakers 96, Orlando 87						
Charlotte 113, Brooklyn 108						
Chicago 136, Atlanta 102						
Utah 127, Minnesota 116						
Memphis 115, Phoenix 108						
Milwaukee 127, New Orleans 112						
Sacramento 94, Oklahoma City 93						
New York 124, Golden State 122, OT						
Thursday's Games						
Philadelphia at Boston						
Cleveland at San Antonio						
Dallas vs. Detroit at Mexico City						
Portland at Denver						
Today's Games						
Houston at Orlando, 7 p.m.						
L.A. Lakers at Miami, 7 p.m.						
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.						
Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.						
Charlotte at Chicago, 8 p.m.						
Milwaukee at Memphis, 8 p.m.						
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.						
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.						
New York at Sacramento, 10 p.m.						
Saturday's Games						
San Antonio vs. Phoenix at Mexico City, 5 p.m.						
Brooklyn at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.						
L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 8 p.m.						
Washington at Memphis, 8 p.m.						
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.						
Miami at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.						
Detroit at Houston, 9 p.m.						
Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m.						
Sunday's Games						
Orlando at New Orleans, 3:30 p.m.						
Charlotte at Indiana, 5 p.m.						
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 6 p.m.						
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.						
New York at Denver, 8 p.m.						
Sacramento at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.						
Sunday's Games						
Orlando at New Orleans, 3:30 p.m.						
Charlotte at Indiana, 5 p.m.						
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 6 p.m.						
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.						
New York at Denver, 8 p.m.						
Sacramento at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.						
NBA Leaders						
Through Wednesday's Games						
	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG	
Harden, HOU	24	258	295	928	38.7	
Antetokmpo, MIL	24	275	153	741	30.9	
Dionc, DAL	23	222	175	689	30.0	
Young, ATL	24	219	151	669	27.9	
Beal, WAS	23	218	137	631	27.4	
Davis, LAL	24	228	170	652	27.2	
Lillard, POR	23	191	159	618	26.9	
Williams, MIN	22	195	103	510	25.9	
James, LAL	25	250	93	646	25.8	
Booker, PHX	24	213	121	601	25.0	
Leonard, LAC	19	169	104	474	24.9	
Ingraham, NOR	21	188	98	523	24.9	
Mitchell, UTA	25	230	106	621	24.9	
Wiggins, MIN	20	185	77	491	24.6	
Kamika, TOR	24	220	95	588	24.5	
Walker, BOS	22	166	88	502	22.8	
LaVine, CHI	26	201	108	591	22.7	
Wade, PHO	22	184	100	494	22.5	
Embiid, PHI	20	141	136	439	22.0	
McCollum, POR	25	217	43	541	21.8	

SKIING

World Cup skiers find creative ways to decompress

BY PAT GRAHAM
AP Sports Writer

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. — To unwind, Italian downhill racer Dominik Paris sometimes screams into a microphone.

Not so much screams as hauntingly growls out lyrics he wrote himself.

Being the lead singer of a heavy metal band called Rise of Voltage is just a way for Paris to give his mind a break from thinking about racing.

Look around the World Cup tour and athletes rely on all sorts of tactics to unplug: American Travis Ganong opened a coffee business; teammate Tommy Ford is into art; Alice Merryweather gives tarot card readings when she's not strumming her ukulele; Canada's Laurence St-Germain immerses herself in college courses (she's working on her second degree) and three-time overall World Cup champion Mikaela Shiffrin does a little bit of everything (sings, plays instruments, learns new

dances, even tries to juggle).

All these endeavors provide a measure of stress relief as they wait days, sometimes even weeks, before going fast again in a race. That's a long time to dwell only on results.

"The key thing is they're able to diversify their self-identity, so they're not just ski racers," said Jim Taylor, a former ski racer who's now a sports psychologist. "The bigger piece of the pie that's devoted to the sport, the more dangerous that can be in terms of over-investment. If their athletic identity represents, say, 80% of their self-identity and they have a bad day? That's an existential threat to who they are.

"But if there are some other things in their life that they can fall back on, it will enable them to get over the result and move on."

Music strikes just the right note with Paris, who jots down song lyrics whenever inspiration hits. He and his band practice and perform

whenever they can. They have an album out titled "Time."

Fitting, since Paris' career is based on it.

"Music is good for my concentration to keep calm," said Paris, who's among the favorites for the overall World Cup title this season following the retirement of Austrian great Marcel Hirscher. "It gives me a lot of inspiration and power to ski fast."

Once a race is over — whether it's a podium finish or not — and it's analyzed, the goal is to not think about those hundredths of a second another instant.

"If you're always thinking about ski racing it drains you mentally," Ganong said. "It's nice to have something else you can work on."

Ganong co-founded Pacific Crest Coffee in Truckee, California, with professional snowboarder Ralph Backstrom. When he's on the road, Ganong promotes their products (like their honey-processed coffee).

And when he's home, he works behind the register to greet customers.

"It's super fun doing something completely different than what I do as a professional ski racer," said Ganong. "It's really cool seeing the company grow and morph into something pretty special."

Merryweather travels with a deck of tarot cards and frequently gives readings. Always lighthearted and nothing too deep or serious.

And no, she won't do a reading on herself before an event.

"I think that if I were to read the night before a race, whatever card I pulled would be in my head," Merryweather said.

She also plays the ukulele, but not as much these days with teammate Laurenne Ross — a guitar player/singer — sidelined with an injury.

"If I'm focused on racing and training 100% of the time, I tire out and lose

my passion pretty quickly," Merryweather said. "I think that putting energy into something else, like an instrument, tarot reading, or other hobby, can help maintain and reset the competition/performance part of my brain, and actually make me more focused and productive on the hill."

Two-time Olympic gold medalist Ted Ligety has found another way to take to his mind off racing — chasing after his young son.

"I don't know if that adds pressure or takes pressure away," cracked Ligety, who also runs a company called Shred that makes goggles, sunglasses and gloves. "But that's a good piece for me."

For St-Germain, it's hitting the books. She has a computer science degree from Vermont and is now working toward a biomedical engineering degree through the University of Montreal. She's currently taking a chemistry class with her final set for next week while

she's in Switzerland. Her ski coach will monitor her exam.

"I thought when I was done (at Vermont) I'd be free of school," she said in a phone interview. "But it just kind of seemed weird for me not to continue with school. Even if it's busy on the road and there's a lot to do, I just like how I can get my mind off skiing and zone out."

A look at how some others decompress: American Bryce Bennett recently took up bow hunting (he's reading books on the subject); Ford draws, cooks and rock climbs; Ross takes photos; Steven Nyman runs Fantasy Ski Racer (think fantasy football for, well, ski racing); and Kjetil Jansrud of Norway has been known to pick up the guitar.

"Having other activities and interests and passions takes their mind off of the 24/7 mindset of their sport," Taylor said. "It basically relieves them of a lot of pressure."

NBA

Dwight Howard thriving in his smallest role yet

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — There were still a few boos when Dwight Howard checked into the game in Orlando for the first time, a few reminders of how every Magic fan still hasn't forgotten or forgiven him for the way his stint with his first team ended.

He doesn't mind anymore.

There was a time when these things would have bothered him. No more. He just turned 34. He's in his 16th season. And by all accounts, Howard — in his second stint with the Los Angeles Lakers, his sixth different franchise — has finally seen the light.

"This is a new day. This is a new moment," Howard said. "I think it's best if we all get out the past and focus on the moments we have in front of us."

There's a maturity to Howard now that frankly hasn't always been there throughout his career. He's on a team expected to compete for an NBA title. He's earned the trust of LeBron James and Anthony Davis, the stars who collaborated in a quest to bring the Lakers back to prominence. He's a role player, averaging career lows in minutes, points and rebounds.

He's handled it perfectly. This isn't his second chance. It's more like a sixth chance.

"He's thriving," James said. "He's thriving. It's going to add more years on his career and it's going to add an ingredient to our team for success because of the role that he's accepting and he's just making the most of it every single night. Defending at a high

level, rebounding, blocking shots, catching lobbs and with zero ego. Zero ego."

This is Howard's role now. He played in Orlando for the 10th time as an opponent on Wednesday night, he and the Lakers coming in and beating the Magic 96-87. Howard wasn't called upon to do much; the Lakers were up 26-9 when he checked in for the first time, and he finished with two points and six rebounds in 18 minutes.

The other 30 minutes he spent on the bench, cheering and coaching. Past versions of Howard wouldn't have done that.

"I never would have been the person I am today if I would have stayed here," Howard said, sitting at his locker. "So I'm very thankful that everything that has transpired has transpired and it's made me the best version of Dwight Howard."

James and Davis will be the primary focus of this Lakers season, of course. Howard is one of many subplots, but so far, he's been exactly what the Lakers wanted. He's not a star anymore; he's a guy who does dirty work.

"He's at a place in his career where he had to adjust some things with regard to the role that he's going to play on a team," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said. "To me, it really fit what we were looking for. Had a great meeting in the summer. He's really bought in and (is) bringing a seriousness about his business and his approach."

Wednesday was a homecoming of sorts for Vogel, too, his first time back in Orlando since the Magic fired him after two seasons where the team had

just about as many injuries as wins. Vogel said he hadn't set foot in the arena since; he's not bitter, he just turned the page.

Howard is taking the same tact.

The Lakers are his fifth team in five years — Houston, then Atlanta, then Charlotte with current Magic coach Steve Clifford, then Washington for nine games in what became a lost season a year ago, and now back in Los Angeles.

Howard says he's loved every place where he's played. And he still has an affinity for Orlando. But he said it took him until this past summer — seven years after his Magic tenure, which some still call 'the Dwightmare' ended — to get past the anger of things that were said once he basically forced the team's hand into a trade.

"I never bashed or talked anything bad about this team," Howard said. "But I did have a lot of bitterness in my heart towards the organization and even the fans of how they treated me when I came back. But I let it go. I was super bitter, but I let it go. And by letting it go, it just dropped all the weight that I had and it just made me a better person."

The Lakers are 22-3. No team in the NBA has a better record. They look every bit like a title contender. Howard wanted to win a title in Orlando as a star. He might win one in L.A. as a backup, and is perfectly fine with that notion.

"I'm staying in this moment," Howard said. "It's the only moment that matters."

OLYMPICS

Enraged in Rio, Conlan aims to avenge Olympic boxing defeat

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Michael Conlan was almost ready to forget about revenge and move on.

He had ached for another shot at Vladimir Nikitin ever since the Russian's disputed victory at the 2016 Olympics sent Conlan storming out of Rio de Janeiro enraged with the judges he thought robbed him and the international boxing federation he thought enabled them.

But when their original planned match fell through this summer, Conlan figured that it was time to think about something else.

"I was like, we're done. I don't need it," Conlan said.

That doesn't mean he didn't want it.

The bout was rescheduled for Saturday night at Madison Square Garden, a fight that doesn't do much for the Irishman professionally but will help soothe some leftover hurt from when he was an amateur.

"Am I gutted a bit not winning the gold medal? Of course, but it's done," Conlan said. "I can't dwell on the past and this fight personally, the only reason I really want it is because I've lost twice to the guy."

Nikitin edged Conlan in a 2013 bout, when Conlan said he was still

getting used to fighting as a bantamweight. By the time they met again three years later in the Olympic quarterfinals, Conlan was a world amateur champion and a medal favorite.

He thought he won and so did many other observers, but the judges awarded the decision to Nikitin.

"I'm confident in my victory," Nikitin said through a translator. "My hand was raised up. I feel that I won that fight and I don't think nothing about it."

Conlan, having beaten up Nikitin so thoroughly that the Russian had to pull out of the tournament before his semifinal match, blasted the boxing federation for being corrupt and extended his middle finger to the judges before leaving.

But, he says, none of his anger was directed toward Nikitin.

"It wasn't him who made that decision in Rio, so there's nothing I can feel against him," Conlan said. "So, what happened in Rio happened."

Conlan hopes there is less chance of it happening next year in Tokyo. The International Olympic Committee is overseeing the boxing competition after stripping governing body AIBA of the right and has barred any judge from Rio from taking part in the 2020 Games.

"Fantastic. I believe I've changed

Olympic boxing forever and thankfully so for the young fighters coming through," Conlan said.

"Who's to say that there still won't be some kind of form? It's sport after all. Every bloody aspect of sport has some kind of cheating I think. But if I've had an immediate effect in these games, which I believe I will in terms of people being robbed and decisions being correct, I'll be really happy."

Conlan (12-0, 7 KOs) signed with Top Rank and turned pro after Rio, with CEO Bob Arum saying Conlan told them from the start he wanted a match against Nikitin.

Top Rank has been building toward that, putting them on the same card twice, and they were set to meet in Ireland in August before Nikitin pulled out with an injury.

Conlan was on board when the match was rescheduled for Saturday for the undercard of Terence Crawford's welterweight title defense on ESPN, even though he acknowledges Nikitin has far more to gain from it. The Russian has had only three pro fights, winning them all, and fighting someone with such a light resume doesn't move Conlan any closer to the title shot that Arum said is in the works for 2020.

"Doesn't matter. It's in his psyche," Arum said.

NASCAR

Sabates to retire from NASCAR ownership

BY JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — In his den overlooking the 14th hole at Quail Hollow, there are a handful of reminders of Felix Sabates' 30 years in NASCAR — a photo of the team owner at one of his first races; a bobblehead of close friend and rival Rick Hendrick; in the corner, a replica of the Monster Trophy won by Kyle Larson in October at Dover.

It's the final trophy Sabates will earn in racing.

Sabates on Thursday was honored at Chip Ganassi Racing, where he has cashed out as a partner and waved the red flag on his racing days. One of NASCAR's biggest personalities, a Cuban refugee who came to the United States at 15 and truly made good on the American dream, is calling it a career.

"Champagne and tears. Remember the years," Sabates told The Associated Press during an interview at his home in the golf community that hosted the 2017 PGA Championship.

Sabates means that very literally. He launched SABCO Racing in 1989 with Kyle Petty as his driver and over 12 years the small team won seven races — six with Petty, one with Joe Nemechek — before he sold controlling interest in the team to Ganassi before the 2001 season.

The organization was rebranded as Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates, and now has 50 wins in NASCAR including victories at the crown jewels Daytona 500, Brickyard 400 and NASCAR's All-Star race.

He also coaxed Ganassi into sports car racing with backing from Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim and the IMSA teams won 64 races — eight in the Rolex 24 at Daytona — seven series championships and wins at the 12 Hours of Sebring and 24 Hours of Le Mans.

There was plenty of heartache along the way: Sabates was still reeling from the death of 19-year-old Adam Petty in May 2000 when Kenny Irwin was killed driving Sabates' car two months later. Among those who flew with Sabates to Irwin's funeral was young driver Blaise Alexander, who drove Sabates' Busch Series car.

Sabates recalled Alexander sobbing alone, leaning against a tree, and a sadness in Alexander's eyes on the flight home that Sabates to this day can't shake. Less than a year later, Alexander was killed in a crash at Charlotte Motor Speedway at age 25.

He sat in silence with Hendrick and Hendrick's wife that night in 2004 after a Hendrick plane crashed on its way to a race in Virginia,

killing 12 — including Hendrick's son, brother, twin nieces, friends and top executives.

"I say champagne and tears because you wonder sometimes if you contributed to this, if racing, if giving these kids a chance to race, killed them," Sabates said. "There's been a lot of a pain in this journey."

The journey was also fun for the gregarious Sabates, who quickly forged a tight friendship with Hendrick, the late NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr. and vice chairman Mike Helton. They fished in the Bahamas, shared expensive wine and marveled at each other's watch collections. Sabates remains a staunch supporter of France's son, Brian, who was ousted from NASCAR in 2018 from the family business following an arrest on drunken-driving charges and feels a sense of duty to stay connected to his late friend's son.

"Where do you even begin to describe Felix Sabates?" Ganassi said. "He's done so much for the sport of racing. I teamed up with him almost 20 years ago and he's been a great business partner and an even better friend."

"In that time the only thing we've had an argument over was who was picking up the tab at dinner. Felix helped me develop as an owner as well as an individual. His track record in this sport certainly sets the bar high for anyone that follows."

Sabates is the last member of the Charlotte Hornets' original ownership group who still holds a stake in the team under Michael Jordan. He's worked tirelessly to help build the city where his family settled in the mid-1960s. He was a salesman at City Chevrolet, long before it was the dealership Hendrick purchased as the launching pad for his Hall of Fame march through NASCAR.

The money-making was easy for Sabates, who in 1969 moved to Top Sales Co. as a salesman and five years later he purchased the company that distributed Atari game consoles and Teddy Ruxpin teddy bears among its \$12 billion in annual sales. He bought car dealerships, property and in 1988 a Hatteras Yacht dealership in Stuart, Florida, that within two years grew into the largest Hatteras dealership in the world.

Among his philanthropic contributions and honors and awards for his generosity are a dining hall named for him at Belmont Abbey College. The Felix Sabates Athletic Center was dedicated in Fort Lauderdale in 2000 and the facility is the largest Boys and Girls Club in Florida.

Now 75, Sabates has battled declining health issues the last several years.

Daughter senses mom is hurt by her relationship with dad

DEAR ABBY: I am a 49-year-old woman whose mother tries to make me feel guilty for having a good relationship with my father. I have an excellent relationship with her, but lately it feels strained because she gets mad if Dad and I do things together or even just talk on the phone. My goal is not to hurt her, but I refuse not to have a relationship with my dad just to appease her. Have you ever heard of a mother being jealous of her daughter's relationship with her father? – Conflicted In New Jersey

DEAR CONFLICTED: Yes, I have. But you say you have an excellent relationship with your mother, and this behavior is recent. Do you call and interact individually with her the way you do with your father? If not, it might help to give her more attention than you have.

Is her relationship with your father the same as it always has been? If it isn't, because you and your father have extended, private phone conversations on a regular basis, she may fear you have supplanted her in his affections. However, if this isn't the case, and she demonstrates other personality changes, her physician should be notified so she can be evaluated.

DEAR ABBY: I have been trying to deal with this on my own for a long time. I have been "crushing" on a man of my faith for a couple of years, and it never seems to subside. We are both married to others, seemingly happily. I like his wife very much, and I would never want to hurt her.

I think he is a wonderful human being, and he has said as much to me. We would never entertain the idea of an affair. From my standpoint, I don't know what to do. Do you have any suggestions? I try to give my own husband lots of love. – Torn Between Two In Montana

DEAR TORN: Do nothing about this crush. Continue giving your husband lots of love, attention and appreciation. Crushes are normal. Sometimes they serve as reminders that we are still alive. As long as they remain "unfertilized romances," they harm no one. You have a mutual admiration society because you both deserve it and have nothing to feel guilty about.

DEAR ABBY: Is there any way to stop charities from sending all of this "free stuff"? When I donate to charity, I intend for my contribution to be used to help someone in need. Instead, I am subjected to all kinds of things in my mailbox. I have received money, postage stamps, greeting cards, notepads and enough mailing labels to far outlast me!

I have now decided that any charity that sends me merchandise or any other "freebie" will be taken off my donation list. I hate to write bona fide charities off my list, but it has become ridiculous. – Wasteful In Washington

DEAR WASTEFUL: You are not the only person to complain about this. I receive many letters from equally frustrated readers about it.

Before donating to any charity, go online and check out charitynavigator.org. If you do, it will give you insight into where your money goes – including how much of their revenue is spent on salaries and "overhead." Just because you receive notepads, mailing labels and calendars does NOT mean you are obligated to send money. Please remember that.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Italian wine city
- 5 Poker stake
- 8 Cheerful tune
- 12 Student's quarters
- 13 Fragrant necklace
- 14 Hair curler
- 15 Pedestal support
- 16 Geologic time division
- 17 Spar
- 18 Air a view
- 20 Fencer's ploy
- 22 Early jazz
- 23 Giants slugger of yore
- 24 Golfer's yells
- 27 Huge flop
- 30 Literary collection
- 31 Capp and Jolson
- 32 Male
- 34 On the — vive
- 35 Sleeping place
- 37 Wrap up

38 Slow movers

- 40 Sounds gruff
- 42 Be a burglar
- 43 Orbit segment
- 44 Human trunk
- 46 Caribbean nation
- 49 Leap in a tutu
- 50 Heartache
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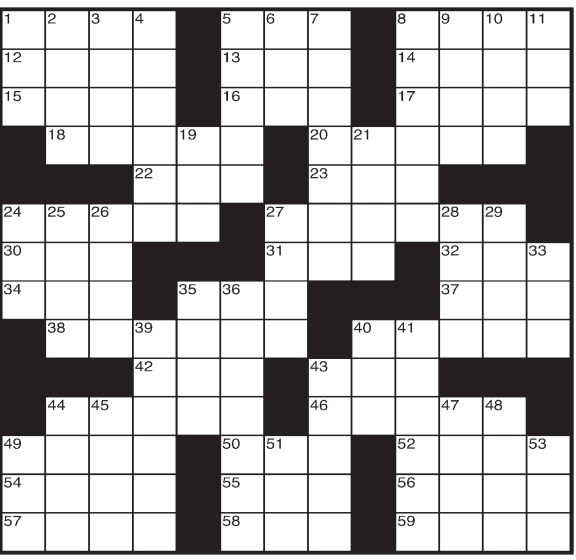
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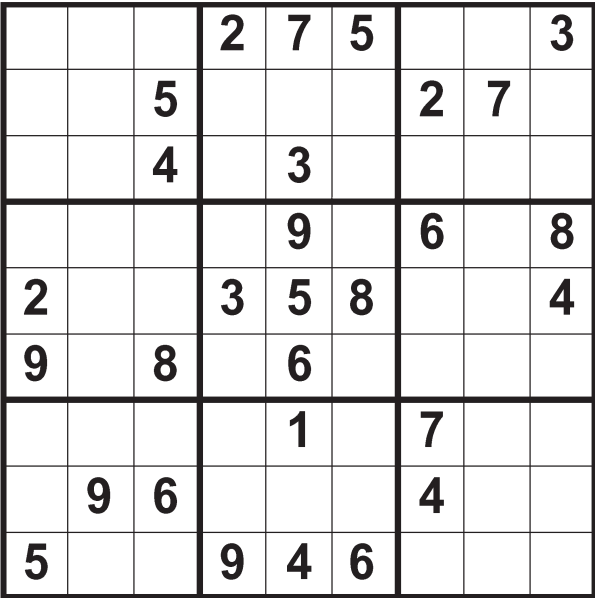
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- 36 Jostled half
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- 45 Soulful Redding
- 47 Mock fanfare (hyph.)
- 48 Particular
- 49 Skippy rival
- 51 Buckeye campus
- 53 Clairvoyance



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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THE " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AMUSE GRIND THORNY FREEZE

Answer: She tried not eating for a few days to lose weight, but for her, it couldn't — END FAST ENOUGH

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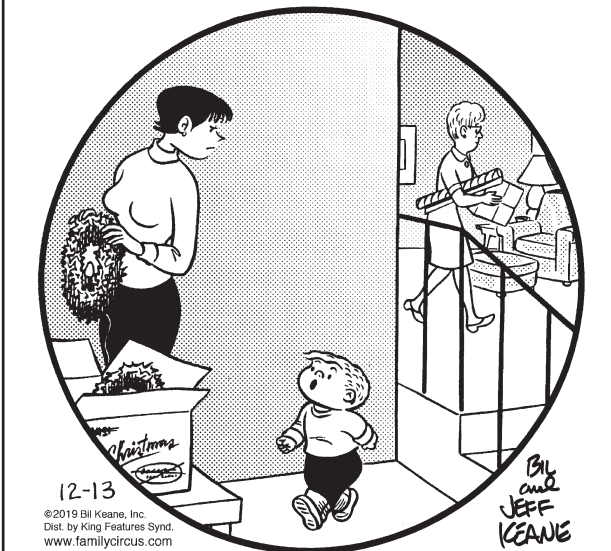
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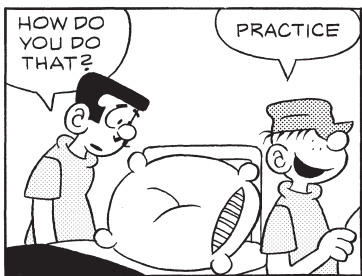
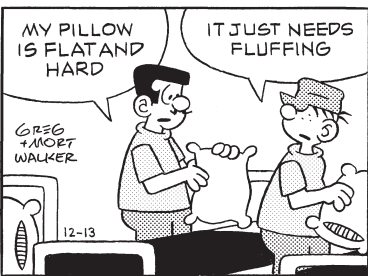
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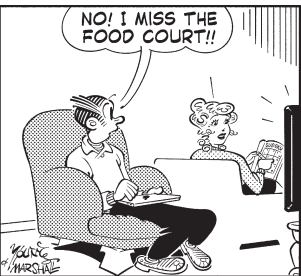
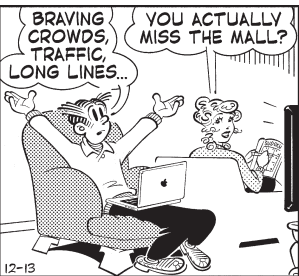


"Grandma said she's not gonna be puttin' up a tree at her place 'cause nobody ever comes to see it."

BEETLE BAILEY



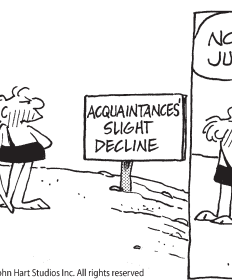
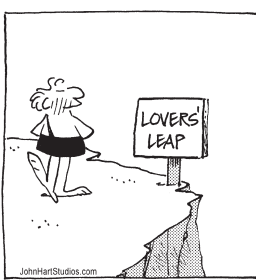
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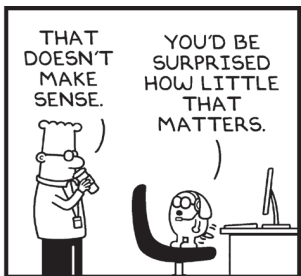
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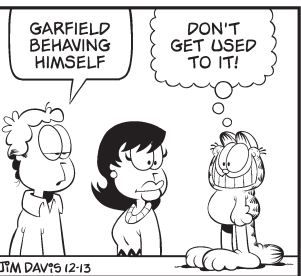
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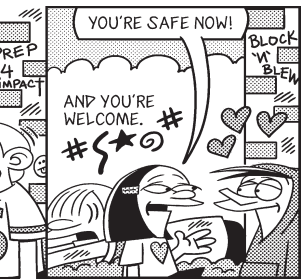
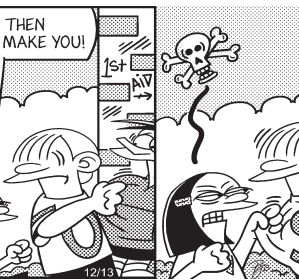
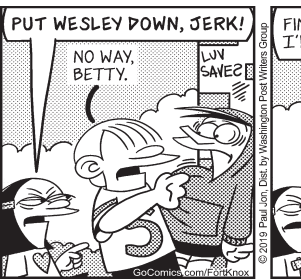
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Shall man live again?

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: No matter how technologically our world advances, no matter how advanced the ways of mankind become, there is still the plaguing question: Does man live again? How can we be sure of the answer? — P.Q.

A: The great question of the ages has always been: "If a man dies, shall he live again? The first part of that sentence is fulfilled every day. There is no "if" about it. "It is appointed for men to die once" (Hebrews 9:27). So the question remains: "Shall man live again?"

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Ask the scientist and he can-

not give an answer. They just don't know. Science deals in formulas and test tubes. There is a spiritual world that science knows nothing about.

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urrection of Jesus as an event that could be examined by the physical senses. It involved the eyes, for the disciples saw the numerous appearances of Jesus under every conceivable condition. The resurrection involved the ears, for the disciples heard Jesus in conversation. It involved the touch, for the disciples were told to handle Jesus and to verify His physical reality. This is the basis of historical fact for our belief. Dust to dust, ashes to ashes for the physical body in death, yes, but when Christ says, "Arise," all of mankind will obey.

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UK voters decide who they want to resolve Brexit impasse

BY DANICA KIRKA and JILL LAWLESS
The Associated Press

LONDON — U.K. voters were deciding Thursday who they want to resolve the stalemate over Brexit in a parliamentary election seen as one of the most important since the end of World War II.

Voting was underway across the country in a contest that pits Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who says he will take Britain out of the European Union by Jan. 31, against opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn, who promises another referendum on Brexit.

Johnson voted at Methodist Central Hall in London, accompanied by his dog, Dilyn.

With so much at stake, political parties have pushed the boundaries of truth, transparency and reality during five weeks of campaigning.

Johnson's Conservative Party was criticized for using misleading tactics on social media, while Corbyn's Labour Party sought to win votes by promising to tax the rich, boost government spending and nationalize industries such as railroads and water companies. One of the focal points of the ugly campaign was the National Health Service, a deeply respected institution that has struggled to meet rising demand after nine years of austerity under Conservative-led governments.

Jill Rutter, program director for the Institute for Government, said one of the things that stood out during the campaign was the shamelessness of the politicians. She cited Johnson's claim that the Conservatives would build 40 hospitals. In fact that number includes many existing facilities that will be renovated.

"Normally, if you point out to people that something doesn't stand up, it's actually sort of fiction, you slightly expect them to start ... replacing that with a different new fact," Rutter said. "But here, actually, you've seen this from No. 10 under Johnson that they're prepared to run a deeply manipulative operation."

All 650 seats in the House of Commons are up for grabs in the election, which is being held more than two years ahead of schedule.

The prime minister called early elections in hopes of breaking a logjam in Parliament that stalled approval of his Brexit agreement in October. Johnson didn't have a majority in the last Parliament and was stymied once he lost the support of the Democratic Unionist Party because of concerns about how Northern Ireland would be treated under his deal with the EU.

Opinion polls have consistently showed Johnson's Conservative Party in the lead, but recent surveys suggest the margin may have narrowed in the final days of campaigning. While Corbyn's Labour is unlikely to win an outright majority, smaller opposition parties hope to win enough seats so they can team with Labour to block Johnson's Brexit plans.

All of the parties are nervous about the verdict of voters who are more willing to abandon long-held party loyalties after three years of wrangling over Brexit.

The Conservatives have focused much of their energy on trying to win in a "red wall" of working-class towns in central and northern England that have elected Labour lawmakers for decades, but also voted strongly in 2016 to leave the EU. Polls suggest that plan may be working, and

the Conservatives have also been helped by the Brexit Party led by Nigel Farage, which decided at the last minute not to contest 317 Conservative-held seats to avoid splitting the pro-Brexit vote.

Labour, which is largely but ambiguously pro-EU, faces competition for anti-Brexit voters from the centrist Liberal Democrats, Scottish and Welsh nationalist parties, and the Greens.

One of the campaign's defining images was a photo of a sick 4-year-old boy sleeping on a hospital floor because no beds were available. Johnson's initial failure to even look at the photo in an on-camera interview put the prime minister on the defensive because he was seen as being insensitive to the child's plight.

The photo, initially published by the Yorkshire Evening Post, swept across social media like a firestorm, injecting an explosive jolt into the political war of information in the final days of the election.

Social media platforms were a critical battleground during the campaign, with political mudslingers waging cyberwar with few legal constraints after the government failed to act on calls for a new law to protect democracy in the internet age. Just two years after Britain found itself at the epicenter of a global scandal over the misuse of Facebook data by political campaigns, the parties bombarded voters with social media messages — many of which were misleading.

The Conservative Party circulated a doctored video that made it look as if an opposition leader had been stumped when asked about his position on Brexit. Then during a television debate the party re-branded its

press office Twitter account as a fact-checking service. The Labour Party also sought to co-opt the roll of independent fact-checker, rolling out a website called The Insider, which called on voters to "trust the facts."

The Conservative Party, with a dynamic online campaign, found itself in the crosshairs of many media critics. Some, such as Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, director of the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at the University of Oxford, wondered why Johnson, who has been in the lead, would feel compelled to be at the forefront of pushing the edge of accepted norms.

"This is a governing party. It's a mainstream party. It's a career politician. This is not an outlier. You don't get more establishment than the British Conservative Party," Nielsen said. "If that is what they see as fit and proper, we must confront the fact that this is the new normal."

Matthew Goodwin, a visiting senior fellow at the Chatham House think tank, said the Conservative Party's tactics were partly motivated by alarm over the potential for a Corbyn-led government.

"We have to remember this is probably the most consequential election we've had in the post-war period," he said, citing Brexit and other implications of the vote.

"For the Conservatives, the reason they have become so direct and so personal is, I think, they view this as paving the way for a Marxist project, a radical left-wing project that is more of a threat to this country, to the union, to Britain's economy, to its place on the international stage — a greater threat than anything the country has faced before," Goodwin said.

Israelis gird for unprecedented third election in a year

BY TIA GOLDENBERG
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JERUSALEM — Israelis grappled Thursday with the confounding reality of unprecedented third national elections in less than a year, after Parliament was dissolved and the date for the next vote was set — further extending months of political paralysis that has gripped the country.

Legislators passed a motion earlier to hold elections on March 2, hours after the deadline to form a coalition government expired. The motion passed with a 94-0 vote in the house.

That now triggers a nearly three-month-long campaign ahead of the vote that most polls predict will not produce dramatically different results that led to the current logjam.

"This nightmare, in which we're heading into elections once again, the third within the space of a single year, is neither a parable nor a dream. It is completely real," wrote Sima Kadmon in the leading Yediot Ahronot daily. "There aren't words left that can express the public's disgust with and mistrust towards its elected representatives.

As in each previous round, the largest parties, Likud and Blue and White, blamed each other for the impasse and tried setting the narrative for what is likely to be a grueling and caustic campaign.

"The politicians were unable to decide and so it goes back to the people. And it's a shame. There weren't big differences," Foreign Minister Israel Katz, a Likud lawmaker, told Israeli Army Radio.

Israel has been mired in political deadlock for months, after two inconclusive elections and failed attempts by both Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanya-

hu and his chief rival, former army chief Benny Gantz, to cobble together coalition governments.

The costly election campaigns, government work on indefinite hold and the perceived obstinacy of both sides has frustrated Israelis, who are used to fractious politics but have never seen repeat elections.

"It's very disappointing. Terrible, in my opinion. It's also a waste of resources and energy. The public is tired of it and I think there's anger at all sides that can't reach any kind of agreement," said Malka Miller, walking along Tel Aviv's beach-side boardwalk.

During government negotiations, both sides professed eagerness to reach a power-sharing agreement, but could not agree on its composition nor who would lead it. Netanyahu insisted on serving as prime minister, where he is best positioned to fight his recent indictment on a series of corruption charges. Gantz has refused to serve under a prime minister with such serious legal problems and called on Likud to choose a different leader.

Likud has seen a burgeoning insurrection by lawmaker Gideon Saar, who says the party needs a new leader because Netanyahu has been unable to form a government. Primaries are set for later this month, but fewer than a handful of Likud legislators have fallen behind Saar and Netanyahu is expected to be returned to party leadership, despite the political disarray and his legal woes.

Netanyahu faces charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust in three corruption cases in which he is accused of trading legislative or regulatory favors in exchange for lavish gifts or favorable media coverage. Netanyahu denies wrongdoing.

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